

Remarks

Claims 1-3 and 7-9 are pending in the present application. Claims 4-6 and 10-25 were canceled by previous amendment. By this response Claims 2 and 3 are canceled and Claim 1 amended. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter.

Applicant is pleased to note that Claim 3 has been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the limitations of Claims 2 and 3. It is urged that based upon the Examiner's commentary Claim 1 is now in condition for allowance, as are dependent Claims 7-9.

It is respectfully noted that while Applicant does not agree with Examiner's position as indicated in the Office Action dated September 21, 2004, the subject claim amendment is being made as a matter of expediency to obtain claim coverage of the present invention at the earliest possible date.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the aforementioned comments and amendments, it is urged that all pending claims distinguish over the conventional art, and that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions, or should issues remain, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone for a prompt and satisfactory resolution.

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